



Schools Debate Format

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“MOTION”

The topic of the debate.

Eg: THW legalize euthanasia,
THBT torture is justified.

Proposition

AGREES

3 speakers

(1st, 2nd, 3rd)

1st or 2nd acts as
Second Reply Speaker

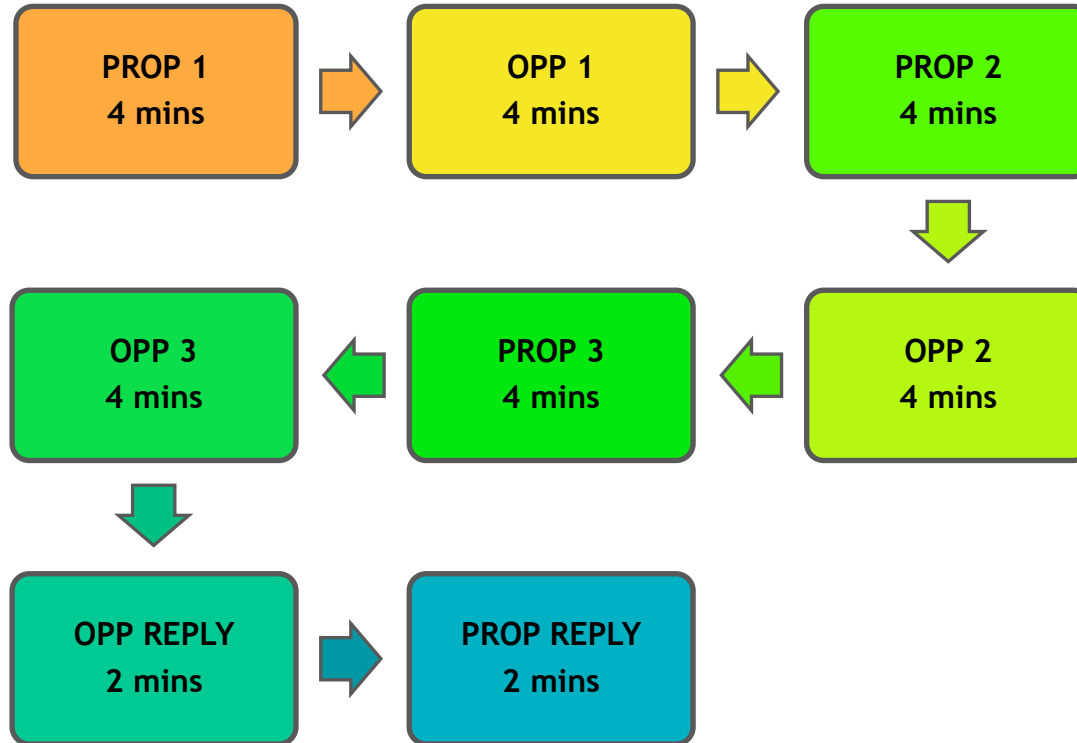
Opposition

DISAGREES

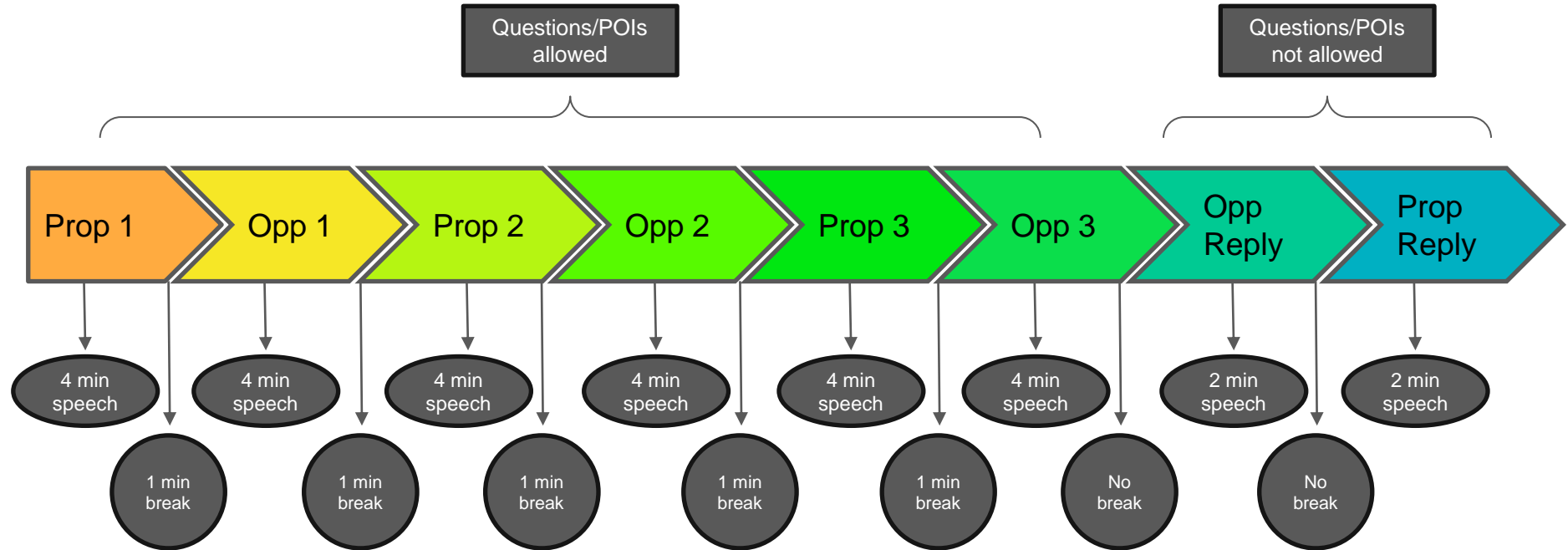
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(1st, 2nd, 3rd)

1st or 2nd acts as First
Reply Speaker



Flow of the Debate





First Speaker of Team Proposition

- DEFINE THE TERMS OF THE MOTION! Define separate words (like 'euthanasia', 'torture' etc.)
- DEFINE THE MOTION! Define the motion as a whole (what it means to legalize euthanasia)
- Provide a Model! [Only if it's a policy/action debate] A model is the who, what, where, when, why and how of the motion. It must be realistic, specific and support your side of the motion.
- Say what your 2nd and 3rd speakers will be saying
- HAVE 2-3 MAIN POINTS! Have at least 2 strong constructives to build your case around. You must cover few of the aspects of the motion (Social, Economic, Political, Physical and Mental)



First Speaker of Team Opposition

- Redefine the terms of the motion if necessary. If the definition provided by the Prop. is incorrect or fabricated, correct them!
- DEFINE YOUR SIDE OF THE MOTION! Define the motion as a whole from your team's perspective.
- REBUT THE PROP'S MODEL! Find out what's wrong with the Proposition's model and state it.
Always justify.
- REBUT THE 1st PROP SPEAKER'S POINTS! Find out what's wrong in their speech and state it.
Always justify.
- Say what your 2nd and 3rd speakers will be saying
- HAVE 2-3 MAIN POINTS! Have at least 2 strong constructives to build your case around. You must cover few of the aspects of the motion (Social, Economic, Political, Physical and Mental)



Second Speaker of Team Proposition

- REBUT THE 1st OPP SPEAKER'S POINTS! Find out what's wrong in their speech and state it. Always justify.
- ELABORATE YOUR 1st SPEAKER'S POINTS! Strengthen the first speaker's argument and provide counter-rebuttals (to 1st Opp's rebuttals)
- Say what your 1st and 3rd speakers have said/will be saying
- Use stakeholder analysis [Who gets affected? Who has to play a part? Who is advantaged and disadvantaged?], etc.
- HAVE 3-4 MAIN POINTS! Have at least 3 strong constructives to build your case around. You must cover most of the aspects of the motion (Social, Economic, Political, Physical and Mental)
- Provide statistics/facts [from reliable sources] and case studies!



Second Speaker of Team Opposition

- REBUT THE 1st PROP and 2nd PROP SPEAKERS' POINTS! Find out what's wrong in their speeches and state it. Always justify.
- ELABORATE YOUR 1st SPEAKER'S POINTS! Strengthen the first speaker's argument and provide counter-rebuttals (to 1st Prop and 2nd Prop's rebuttals)
- Say what your 1st and 3rd speakers have said/will be saying
- HAVE 3-4 MAIN POINTS! Have at least 3 strong constructives to build your case around. You must cover most of the aspects of the motion (Social, Economic, Political, Physical and Mental)
- Provide statistics!



Third Speaker of Team Proposition

- REBUT THE 1st OPP and 2nd OPP SPEAKERS' POINTS! Find out what's wrong in their speeches and state it. Always justify.
- Say what your 1st and 2nd speakers have talked about
- HAVE 1-2 MAIN POINTS! Have at least 1 strong constructive to build your case around. You must cover the leftover aspects of the motion (Social, Economic, Political, Physical and Mental)
- PROVIDE A SUMMARY of your team's entire argument from beginning to end.
- Have a strong ending (cliche "In the World of..." or other alternatives)



Third Speaker of Team Opposition

- REBUT ALL PREVIOUS PROP SPEAKERS! Find out what's wrong in their speeches and state it. Always justify.
- Say what your 1st and 2nd speakers have talked about
- HAVE 1-2 MAIN POINTS! Have at least 1 strong constructive to build your case around. You must cover the leftover aspects of the motion (Social, Economic, Political, Physical and Mental)
- PROVIDE A SUMMARY of your team's entire argument from beginning to end.
- Have a strong ending.



Reply Speakers

- Either 1st member or 2nd member
- Speaks for 2 min (Junior) or 4 min (Senior)
- No POIs can be asked
- At least 3 Points of Clash
- Burden of the Debate must be mentioned



“Points of Information (POIs)” -----> QUESTIONS

- In all speeches except the reply speeches, the first and last minutes are ‘**PROTECTED**’
:- Nobody can ask POIs during this time
- The timekeeper/adjudicator will knock on the table once when protected time is over (the first minute), and once when protected time begins (the last minute)
- In between the first and last minutes of a speaker’s speech, the opposite team can ask as many POI as they wish
- The speaker can either accept or decline
- POIs must be in the form of a question, and cannot exceed 15 seconds
- Pointers



POINTERS (when asking [POIs](#)):

- **LISTEN VERY, VERY CAREFULLY** to the other team!
- **DO NOT** ask POIs simply to disturb the other debater's speech... **ADJUDICATORS HATE THIS!**
- POIs **HAVE TO** be based on a person's speech, **NOT** their stance
- Space your POIs! One POI/minute is considered good (8 minute Speech ~ 6 POIs)
- Not all of them will be accepted — use them in your **REBUTTALS** if they are not already answered
- **Strategize!** One good POI can be the reason to win or lose a debate

POINTERS (when getting asked POIs):

- (Generally) Accept **1-3 POIs** in your speech. **DO NOT LET POIs INTERRUPT YOUR SPEECH.** Finish your sentence/point.
- Listen carefully and **UNDERSTAND** what the question is
- **Answer calmly** and take no more than 20 seconds
- Find fallacies/problems in the question (eg: you never mentioned it in your speech)



Points to remember by the contestants

- Participants will not be informed of the team they are in until the same day.
Be sure to have points ready for both for and against.
- Topics have been shared prior to rounds.
- Expect on spot questions based on the theme of academic integrity which can be asked by any one during round 3.
- Kindly read the rules and regulations prior to the competition.
- In case of any queries feel free to reach us out.

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